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This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

A STRONG plea is made for Medical Missions, in a magazine devoted to this object called *Medical Missions at Home and Abroad*. "The causes of suffering among Indian women were, first of all, neglect. Many were made lame and blind for life by simple neglect. One in every 500 in India is said to be blind, and many from what in the first instance were trifling ailments. Ignorance is another fruitful source of misery. Belief in demons as the cause of disease is widespread, and the red-hot iron is a favorite instrument for effecting their expulsion. Superstition will often prevent the giving of much-needed medicines. The propitious day must be awaited, before this or that medicine can be given. The anger of the goddess of smallpox, accounts for many deaths and disfigurements. The indifference of the men to the lives and welfare of the women, is a notable cause of much suffering and death. 'My husband, what does he care? If I die he can get another wife to-morrow.'"

THE *Ladies Club* at Poona, India, recently entertained many Hindu ladies, among them the Begum of Cambay and Lady Aga Khan. "Mrs. Ali Akbar's speech was listened to with sympathetic appreciation. Seldom is it the privilege of an audience to hear a Mahommedan lady address them, and in the course of her remarks she said: "My

happiest dreams have been realized, and the Club has been the meeting ground for people of every nation, which has led to mutual friendship and knowledge of each other. It is impossible to thank you adequately, for the very great support you all have given the Club. Young hearts have blossomed under the joyous influence of the pleasant recreation here; the literary Club has afforded endless pleasures to many, and our success proves how great the need of some such institution was."

THE *Women's Home Missionary Society of India*, is extending its operations in various parts of the country. "The Society was organized at Bangalore in June, 1905, to help forward the evangelization of India, by developing the resources for missionary work. In order to attain its aim, it gives its attention to two departments of work: (1) Ministering to the needs of the neglected sections of the domiciled communities; (2) enlisting, training, and supplying workers, for existing Missionary Societies that are reaching the heathen. In connection with the first mentioned department, the Society cares for needy children, especially such as are too young to gain admission to institutions like the Civil Orphan Asylums. The Society is inter-denominational in character, and has secured the confidence and co-operation of all denominations of the Christian Church."

THE whole Bible was published in Japanese in 1887. Twenty years have made it the guide of many lives in that country, and native book stores in cities, keep the Bible in stock because it pays to supply a demand. "There are about 55,000 Protestant Christians," writes Rev. Garret Hondelink, "55,000 Roman Catholics, and 25,000 Greek Catholics. There are also children throughout the Empire, that are going to Christian Sunday-schools, and hearing the Gospel, though their parents are Buddhists, Shintoists, or Confucianists."



INTERIOR OF PIERSON CHAPEL.

IN EASTERN LANDS.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

DAYS OF PRIVILEGE.

By MISS CLARA ALWARD.

BEFORE Miss Pratt and Kido San one of our Bible readers, sailed for America, many of the Bible-women from our outside stations came to enjoy the closing week with us.

On Sunday morning the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Sasakura, pastor of the Kaigan church, and the school was well represented, fifty-one teachers, students and associate Bible-women occupying the front pews. The service was well conducted, and the sermon, though addressed especially to the graduating class, was helpful for all in the congregation.

Monday evening the regular commencement exercises were held, and well deserved diplomas were awarded to five graduates. Each member of the class performed her part well, in delivering carefully prepared essays.

Mr. Uemura, who conducts a Bible school for both men and women in Tokyo, was present to address the class. He and others of ability spoke very kindly of the character of the school and preparation shown by the graduates, and especially of one, who although

sixty-three years of age has done good work in the class with younger women, showing especial richness in spiritual thought and life.

Tuesday special meetings were addressed by five different ministers and teachers, who gave a spiritual uplift to the students and the many visitors who attended despite heavy showers.

Wednesday evening was the farewell meeting, and we rejoiced that Miss Pratt was to have a much needed rest. All joined in making the occasion as pleasant as possible, many addresses being bright with wit.

The students soon were scattering to their appointments for work, some going to summer resorts to assist pastors in special meetings. By having Sunday-schools early and late, each student is able to attend two on Sunday. We are especially grateful for Sunday-school cards and picture rolls sent from home. The large pictures, mounted separately, are passed in order from one school to another, and the small cards make the children familiar with the Bible stories.

One Bible student who had not been home for several years was distressed to find no open Christian work there, so she at once started a Sunday-school and was soon joined by several teachers who were Christians, and were glad of an opportunity to help. Later, meetings for older people were opened, and

a number are inquiring the way to Christ. It is a joy to her to have her own people sharing in her interest, and seeking to know the truth.

I am sure God will use her there. I am anxious that Christ shall be the center of all the work this year and that these dear Bible-women will look to Him and prove Him their guide and leader more and more.

From all the stations the reports are encouraging, in spite of some opposition. Through the children, the workers are making their way into many homes, and often find the parents glad to hear their message.

AN EVENTFUL COUNTRY TRIP.

By MISS SUSAN AUGUSTA PRATT.

IT had seemed desirable to move the preaching place in Kuki to another part of the city, and during one of our last evangelistic trips, we saw the wisdom of the change in the large numbers who came to listen.

We reached Kuki late in the afternoon, and were gazed at for some time by scores of children, who pushed their fingers through the clean, freshly papered doors, in order to see us better. A large crowd attended the meeting in the evening and listened most attentively, and as a number of women were present we plan to start a woman's meeting at once. In this region are several villages in which we have work, and in Kasukabe remarkable results have come. As soon as we reached that place, the Christians gathered and I talked to them about what the sight of Jesus does for us.

A large number assembled in the church for the evening meeting, and afterwards we had a song-service, as the Japanese are very fond of hymns. After the morning service, I went with the Bible women to make calls. At first we went to see a blind man who is a Christian, as are his whole family. It was touching to see his cheerful resignation, in the midst of truly difficult circumstances, as they are very poor.

Our next call was upon the wife of a Doctor, who is an earnest Christian, and exerts a sweet helpful influence in her husband's Hospital. We were ushered into a beautiful Japanese room and had prayers, afterwards singing "What a friend we have in Jesus."

An invitation had come to us to hold a meeting in a country village some distance away, and to spend the night with a Christian family. We went by train for a short distance, and then walked through the fields, where the farmers were preparing for the

planting of rice. The plum trees were in bloom and the air sweet with the perfume. I wish the friends at home could have witnessed the warm welcome given us. A feast of pounded rice made into cakes and colored green with grass was prepared, and the best of the house offered us. The neighbors came in for the evening meeting, at which time I spoke on Acts iv:12.

Sunday was a specially busy day, when a number of children came, and I taught and explained to them some of the "I am's" in John. We walked to Sugito village escorted by some of the Christians, and found people had been waiting in the church for two hours, yet all through the service they paid great attention. There were some inquirers to whom I promised to send Bibles. In the home of a most earnest Christian we had a thanksgiving meeting. An earnest young woman who is an inquirer was present, also an elderly woman who is gradually losing her eyesight. We tried to comfort her sad heart, but my own ached for her when she said with a choking voice, "Oh! teacher, I am becoming blind. What shall I do?" A crowd escorted us to the station. One can but love such earnest, faithful Christians.

At Kuki, to which place we returned for the evening service, we found our blind Bible-woman, and others from another village. I took my evening meal with them, and had a good opportunity to talk with them of the things of Christ. We had the sliding doors between the rooms removed, so as to accommodate a large number of people, who stood five or six deep throughout the service, paying great attention.

The Bible woman from Kasukabe had come over with some friends, and after Mrs. Iwamoya and I had finished our talks, a young man gave a very good testimony for Christ. Three of those present asked for Bibles, saying they would like to buy them.

Such work pays. May God bless richly all those who have a share in it, and raise up new friends so that it may be possible for us to enlarge it.

INDIA—FÄTEHPUR.

MORE PICTURES.

By MISS ELLEN H. TODD.

A LADY physician was gladly making her escape from a crowded, noisy bazaar, when suddenly there appeared before her the misshapen figure of a little girl. A dirty, scrawny hand was outstretched and a

whining voice said, "Miss Sahiba, give me *pice*." The heart of the lady yearned over the child, as she thought what would be the outcome of this wandering life to the girl's soul and body, and she longed to save her.

As she thought, the voice continued its nasal whine for *pice*, and the physician at last replied kindly, "I will not give you money, but I will see that you have food and clothing and a place to stay if you will come with me."

The sharp little face looked surprised, but she replied: "No, I will not come with you, but where do you live?" The Doctor explained how near the Hospital was to the bazaar, and then left the girl, trusting to the Good Shepherd to bring her to a place of shelter and safety.

The next day as the Doctor sat at her table in the Dispensary she was told that a deformed child was looking around the Hospital asking questions, and peering about in a strange way. The Doctor's heart quickened with pleasure, and she gave orders that the child should be left alone, that she might satisfy herself as to what kind of a place it was, and how people were treated there.

After a while the girl came in carelessly and asked for medicine for her cough. This she received and was allowed to go away without any effort being made to restrain her. The Tender Shepherd had His hand upon her, and the next day, as the Doctor again sat at her table in the Dispensary, there was a sudden movement at her feet, and looking down she saw the bent form of the girl and heard a voice saying, "I have come to stay, and I give myself to you."

Before the girl could even be allowed to remain in the Hospital for the treatment of her bruised body, her hair and filthy rags were disposed of and a most needed bath given. Her name, Gulchaman, meaning "a bouquet of roses," seemed most inappropriate, but not in the thought of Him Who is able to make even "the desert blossom as a rose, and instead of the brier the myrtle tree."

The very same Lord is indeed doing this work of power in this child's life and making it a fragrant one. We learned later that because of the deformity, she had been thrust out into the street by her father, and her body showed the marks of ill usage.

After a time of care and training it was decided to send her to one of our Orphanages, for she needed to be with children, as she was like an old woman, and was very frail. I was much touched by her changed ways as I sat

in the train with her on the way to our Orphanage in Calcutta. She took great interest in the women in the car, and asked if we could not sing to them about Jesus, and I gladly consented.

The women were astonished at the number of hymns she knew, and the child made the opportunity for earnest heart talks. Then I noted a marked change in her as she tried to express her love to me, for she had been a sharp, hard little creature. She nestled up close to me and whispered: "I do wish I had something to give you," and later her hands went up to her ear-rings which she so cherished, and she took them out and shyly put them in my lap. I felt it wise to keep the gift which meant so much to her. Later she asked to my surprise that we should sing "God be with you till we meet again," and then she prayed. Do you think now that her name is such a misnomer? True, outwardly she is not beautiful; yet her form is much straighter, and though her features are not regular, yet the spirit is becoming more beautiful and is shining out.

Is it not a priceless opportunity to be able to save these little girls who are becoming the slaves of Satan, ruined in soul and body, and who are ruining others? You can have a share in this work of saving the little girls here in India, by helping us in the direct work of rescuing them through your prayers and gifts. Twenty dollars a year seems a paltry sum to give for transforming a child's life from being a brier, or thorn, to that of a rose. Yet people often spend this sum on a trifle for a brief time, while the money could be invested in a beautiful life for eternity. Is there any comparison?

The following picture tells its own story of the great need of a Doctor and trained nurse for whom we are building a Dispensary. A woman was crying with great pain and gripping her right arm. Do you wonder, as you see that the iron bracelet she wears has been pressed into the flesh and the glass and other brittle bracelets have all been broken and the pieces crushed into the arm by an angry cow? You do not care to look longer at this sight, for the arm is in a pitiful condition, and how little can we, who are so ignorant of the treatment of such cases, do to help her? No Hospital nor even Dispensary are in this city or district for women who are often in even a worse state than this poor moaning creature.

The sun's rays are beating fiercely down on

the open lot where our buildings are being erected. One of the women who has been carrying mud for the house, has fallen in a fit. There are many laborers near her, but what are they doing for her? One calls for a shoe to place under her head as a cure to bring her out of the fit, and they then leave her alone, under the scorching rays of the sun.

The missionary, who has come upon the scene, orders her to be carried under the shade of a tree. Later she comes to us to have medicine applied to a limb which is terribly scalded where she had fallen into the fire a few days before. She needs also more medical care than we can give her, as she is in a pitiful state physically.

I never shall forget the sad picture of a distressed mother with a wee sick baby in her arms begging that something be done to relieve the child. She had lost all her other children and her heart clung to this one very tenaciously. The simple remedies given did not allay the fever, and it seemed as if the child must have treatment in a Hospital. She was sent to Allahabad and in spite of simple directions given, the poor mother wandered about all night and it was too late to save the child's life when she was admitted, by the missionary physician, to the Hospital next day. It was touching to see that the mother was grateful however, for the very little we were able to do.

There are many pictures to be seen of this kind, but surely one or two are enough to stir some of your hearts to do something effective and Christlike, for your suffering sisters here.

PERSONALS.

India—Jhansi—Miss Ella Morrison writes: At two o'clock one morning the Civil Surgeon and head Resident Doctor of this place, brought to our Hospital a little baby six months old, for an operation. It needed to be done at once, and they said we had everything much more convenient for an operation, than the other Hospitals. We have so many operations we always have necessary things ready. All the physicians here say they envy us our nurses, who really are very capable. This night we were much pleased with the readiness by which they prepared for this emergency, and this is not only most encouraging to us who are training them, but also to see them gaining confidence in themselves as well as knowledge, for native girls are generally timid and dependent.

Allahabad—Miss E. M. Bertsch writes: More and more the attitude of the people in

India is changing, and we cannot be sure that things foreign will always have the open door they now have. I am trying to impress upon our assistants the fact that we have now a tremendous opportunity, and responsibility, in preparing the receptive minds of India's women for the new ideals which are coming. They are asking questions and unless we give them broad, noble conceptions of the possibilities before them they will be narrow and bigoted and hinder the tide of advancement along right lines. Miss Ahmed Shah is to prepare a paper on "The Part of Women in Awakening National Consciousness" for our day of prayer.

Cawnpore—Miss Clara M. Beach writes: I lately visited Fātehpur and wanted to tell you how delighted I was with our work there. I really do not know what we did without our Rescue Home, and if you could see the marvelous change in the women under Miss Todd's care, you would say as I do, it is simply wonderful.

Japan—Yokohama—Miss Mary E. Tracy writes: Last July the Y. W. C. A. held their annual Conference at Tokyo and some of the teachers and pupils from our school, No. 212 Bluff, attended it. It was interesting to see that twenty-four schools were represented, and one hundred and thirty-five delegates were enrolled from the north to the south of Japan. Our school made a good showing, and the report of our work was considered one of the best.

The last term of our school-year was marked by the spirit of helpfulness shown by the teachers and scholars. They have tried to take what responsibility they could, and it has made working with them a real pleasure. One of our senior class was much delighted when her mother, who has been studying about Christianity for five years, at last decided to become a Christian and was recently baptized. Our work is without startling results, but it is simple and natural, and I often think is more lasting than anything sensational.

China—Shanghai—Miss Charlotte M. Johnson writes: The new Bridgman Memorial School building is finished now, all but the varnish, which will have to wait until our next summer vacation. Many children now in our school are of the student class. The Taotai has contributed one thousand dollars Mexican toward the new building, and the General Director of Nangang College has given sixty dollars Mexican for the same purpose.

HOME NOTES.

A CALCULATION.

SINCE our Jubilee Fund has been started, we have received repeated inquiries concerning the amount it is proposed to raise, and what steps shall be taken to realize this. Our friends know that this fund is to take the form of the "Missionaries' Salaries," and it is proposed to secure pledges for those workers now in the field, not already specifically supported. This number is ten, and if ten stewards of the Lord would each pledge six hundred dollars a year, or twenty guarantee three hundred, the object would be accomplished. As this may not be possible for many of those who love us most, we suggest shares of ten dollars to six hundred of our constituency.

This by no means is intended to supersede the efforts of those who are seeking to secure one dollar gifts, outside of our constituency. The fund has realized thus far two thousand dollars, which has been a great satisfaction as a beginning, and stimulus for persistency. Especially do we commend the example of one warm friend from girlhood, who gave fifty dollars to denote the years of her love and interest. While we recognize the demands of the age for objects philanthropic and altruistic, we present this summary of our immense resources as a nation.

The wealth of the United States by a recent computation is so vast that "Europe is depending on us for its food stuffs, cotton, oil, and copper." New York State alone is credited with "fifteen billions of dollars, out of the one hundred and ten billions of the whole country." "These colossal figures," as a thoughtful writer comments, "should not be treated as mere statistics for the economists to study, or the orators to exploit, but should be regarded as sinews of warfare for great and glorious ends." "Nine billions of this wealth is in the hands of the professed followers of Jesus Christ in the United States alone." Dr. Arthur T. Pierson states this startling fact: "There is enough gold and silver plate and jewelry buried in Christian homes, to build a fleet of thirty thousand vessels, fill them with the missionaries of the Cross, ballast them with Bibles, build a church in every destitute hamlet, and supply the Gospel to all in a score of years."

It has been estimated that the support of the "20,000 American and Canadian mission-

aries employed and their work would cost an average of two dollars for every church member a year, or less than a street-car fare a week."

Charles Dudley Warner says some striking words concerning the "luxury of giving." "There must be something very good in human nature, or people would not experience so much pleasure in giving. Those who try it become enamored of it. The giver follows the gift, for having parted with it it is for him a lasting possession, which grows and is continually satisfactory."

There still remains for many of our constituency whose influence is more or less circumscribed, the priceless privilege of prayer. Yes, definite prayer that this Jubilee Fund may grow to such proportions, that anxiety may be saved those who "sit over against the treasury" and who long to keep the needful number of missionaries in our stations. Robert Caldwell writes: "The Christian Church on her knees, agonizing for a perishing world, would soon send a tidal wave of blessing from pole to pole."

FINE TESTIMONY.

AT the recent meeting of the American Board in Brooklyn, the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, Pastor of Plymouth Church, said:

"In the last nineteen centuries no new nation has been founded, except those founded by missionaries. The missionaries' campaign is the one campaign projected, that has never been defeated. Great armies have been routed, superb navies have plunged to the bottom of the sea, states have sprung up to be destroyed, but the cause of the missionary inevitably advances.

"Yesterday I talked with Leigh Hunt, the great English financier of the Orient. He spoke of the great economic service of the missionaries and said, 'But for them the Pacific Coast of Asia would not have much commerce. See what it is. I have penetrated the interiors of China, Africa, Korea; I have traveled the length of the Nile; I have seen the missionaries' work, and I tell you, take them all in all, they are the grandest body of men that ever walked God's earth.'

"In recent years even science has become our ally. She is transformed; she preaches her message from the pulpit. The astronomer says there is but one solar system; the physiologist that all men are made alike; and

now we find all men are ethically brothers. The textbooks of Harvard are used in heathen lands; the Lord's Prayer is known to the utmost parts of the earth—all point to universal brotherhood."

In the annual sermon before the American Board, preached by the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Mills, of St. Louis, he said:

"God is making pre-eminent use of the Anglo-Saxon in the extension of His Kingdom. When he attempts to evangelize China or Japan or India he carries his proud race instinct with him. Let us remind ourselves that we are ourselves foreigners in the lands to which we go, and that, accordingly, if the Gospel is to win these people, it must be clothed in expressions and methods which will let the Chinese see it, not as a foreign importation foisted upon their proud nation, but as a message straight from heaven to them, as truly theirs as if no other land had known it hitherto.

"We are seeing more and more clearly that China can only be evangelized by the Chinese, Africa by the Africans, the Moslem world by those who have been born under the shadow of its mosques. Let us put the stress of our emphasis still more upon this point and, leading men to Christ, accord to native workers under His direct leadership every liberty consistent with the highest good of the kingdom. . . .

"Man's search for God confirms and intensifies the divine imperative to the disciple. All the impulses to help mankind are singularly deepened, all the convictions of duty strengthened, when we take down into our consciousness man's own struggle toward the light. His condition is all the more intolerable, our duty all the more clear. If we could not tell where the trouble lay in his aching heart, it might be different, but we know beyond all doubt that the secret is the failure of the non-Christian faiths to lead man to the good God and to provide an adequate remedy for sin.

"As to the first of these failures: We know that wherever God is not revealed as goodness and truth, there religion and morals must be divorced, and that no religion apart from Christianity has been sufficient to give this revelation. And we know, on the other hand, that it is at this very point that Christ speaks to humanity: 'I am the light of the world, he that hath seen me hath seen the Father.' These words are as if he said to China and India and Africa, filled with haunting fears, you are mistaking what God is. You

are saying He is power, and we must somehow buy Him off—placate His anger. Turn, He says, look at Me; find in Me what God is; in My gentleness, His compassion: in My cross, His love. He is not one driving man with a scourge. He calls to Him in the midst of His sense of defeat. 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

"The great problem of Christian missions is not abroad, but at home. It is not whether in those far-off lands sinners should be left in the hands of an angry God, but whether we who possess the treasure of the Gospel shall vindicate our right to its possession by the use we make of it in bringing God's struggling children honte to Himself."

CHINESE STUDENTS' ALLIANCE

RECENTLY a noteworthy conference was held at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, under the auspices of the Chinese Students' Alliance. A marked feature of the meetings, which were graced by the attendance of some Chinese Wellesley girls, was a speech by Minister Wu Ting Fang, who congratulated the Chinese students in America on the fortunate position in which they are placed, spoke appreciatively of Western science, and enlarged on the need of reforms in China. Many of the Chinese students in America are Christian believers, and many more are not far from the kingdom of God, waiting for some loving urgency that will bring them in."

LAW OF LIFE.

By ROBERT E. SPEER.

AND just as duty is the noblest thing in the world, it is the one adequate law of the life of a man. A man cannot govern his life by his temperament. Most men have got to correct, and sometimes utterly overthrow, their temperaments, before they can come to the doing of their duty. A man cannot govern his life by his loves, for a great deal of life's work lies among the unlovely and the unloved. That life will stay forever out of the larger fields of action, which does not perceive that some other motive must dominate it than merely the motive of responding to that which makes emotional appeal to it.

HAVE you seen our latest leaflet, "What and Why," intended for circulation with our "Jubilee Plea"? If not, send for it, and distribute it freely.



OUR BABIES IN INDIA.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

By CLARA D. LOOMIS.

I WANT to tell you a few stories, of what some American children have done to bring new happiness to those children of Japan, who do not have all that we have to bring joy and brightness into life.

A teacher in a girls' school in Yokohama was once trying to get enough presents so that there might be a Christmas tree for a hundred girls, many of whom had never even seen one. A little boy, five years old, heard about it and said he wanted to send something, so he looked over his toys, picked out some wooden fish, and a fishing rod, besides thirty out of his set of fifty card-board soldiers. He took these to his father and asked whether he might send them out to Japan. His father gave his consent, so with great delight he took and packed them himself in the suit case that would take them to New York and from there to Japan.

When the toys reached there the question was, would the girls, all of them over twelve, care to play with pasteboard soldiers, even though they had come all the way from America. What do you suppose was done? All

the girls who had boys in their Sunday-school classes were called together and told the story. The soldiers were then divided among them, to be used as prizes, for the boys who had been good and regular in attendance. In this way the soldiers made very happy not only the boys who received them, but the girls who gave them.

Another little boy in America was greatly surprised and delighted to know that Japanese girls like to play basket ball. He has a dime bank and is now trying, little by little, to save ten dollars to send out to the team. This will buy a new basket ball in place of the old one, which for six years has been used in playing a great many different games, and besides will help to encourage other outdoor sports.

Three little children out in California have made it possible for a little Japanese girl to go to school. She lived in a country town and longed to have a chance to study. Her parents were too poor to give her more than an elementary school education, and she expected when fourteen to go out and work hard in the fields, farming. Owing to the kindness of these American children she is now at school getting ready to go back some

day to the home village and help in church and Sunday-school work. Let us hope that many of those living in this very wicked place may come through her, to know of Christ and His love.

Perhaps you would like to know what will help the work that is being done in Yokohama, and what the ladies at 67 Bible House, New York, would like to send out to help these girls of Japan?

Besides prayers, which always help, the most useful thing to send is money. In America you cannot get chop-sticks, wooden shoes, Japanese hair pins or pieces of embroidered crêpe for the neck of a *kimono*, but even in Japan, girls like pictures, English books, songs, hair-ribbons and handkerchiefs.

Now that Christmas is drawing near, cannot we each find something to send to those in other lands, for the sake of the dear Heavenly Father, who gave His own Son for us?

OUR CARE.

By *ETTA COSTELLOW.*

ARE these poor little waifs that come to us from time to time worth saving? What would you say about two little ones of whom I will tell you?

Promilla, the older girl, was about eight years old when brought to us from a village not far from Calcutta. With some difficulty she was rescued from her mother, who is a very wicked woman. She has an older sister who is following her mother's example, and doubtless this little one's fate would have been the same had she remained where she was. Poor little girl, it was a sad way to begin life, but God remembered her and took her away. When she was brought to us, with her little brother two and a half years old, she did not look very attractive, I assure you. She was clothed only with a few rags, her hair was in snarls, and her face was sullen, though there was a careworn expression about it, that made it pathetic. She seemed very fond of the little brother and the way in which she mothered him, made me feel that she had a loving little heart if we could only find it. In a few days the care and love she received and the companionship of other happy children in our Orphanage began to tell on her and I could see a change. Now after a few months, her face is as sweet and happy as one could wish to see. She only needed what God means every little child to have, care and love, and pure surroundings. We cannot tell

what her future will be, but we trust, if her life is spared, she may become a happy, useful Christian woman.

I think the other child's history must have been a happier one, although all we know of her is that she was a little orphan stranded in one of the Hospitals in Calcutta. She has been with us seven months, and is now about four years old. She has a very happy disposition and seems to be bubbling over all the time, and if any one looks at her she laughs. One day when she had not been here very long she let out a little ripple of laughter at prayer time. Dear little girlie, she did not mean to do wrong, and now she has learned that she must sit very quietly during prayers, though if I look at her she is sure to smile.

Are they worth saving? I am sure Jesus thought so, for He left His home in glory to die for them, as well as for you and me. I am sure you all think so too, and would say, "Yes, gather them in, and care for them and give God a chance to make of them something beautiful for Himself." But we cannot do it unless you help us.

We thank God for every one who is giving for the support of children here, and so making it possible for us to receive these little ones, but we have a good many yet unsupported. Are there not those who would like to take these two children and so have a share in this blessed and important branch of the Master's work?

HOW IT RAINED.

THE one matter of supreme moment here—Chenyuan, China—has been to get enough rain for the rice crop. I have this year met with a method of praying for rain, new to me. A three days' fast was proclaimed and the officials went to the temples to present incense, etc. The people of the different city wards organized processions with gongs, drums, etc., and as they passed along the street they were drenched by the residents, who had tubs of water in readiness.

But the great feature of the occasion was a dog tied sitting up in a chair, with an old garment round his shoulders and a man's hat on his head.

The explanation of the ceremony was this. Among domestic animals the dog is placed lowest. But the people in their attempt to move the pity of Heaven said, "We will put ourselves lower than the dog, we will give him the honor to ride in state as our master, if only you will give us rain." It rained before sunset.—*North China News.*

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from October 1 to October 31, 1908.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, N. Y., Life Line Mission, Mrs. M. J. Donnelly for worker,	\$30 00
Pa.—Wells Tannery, Mrs. H. E. Moore, 3.00; A. E. Onissard, 3.00,	6 00
Mich.—Detroit, C. E. Soc., St. Paul's Ch., Miss H. Wunderlich,	12 50
Total,	\$48 50

CALCUTTA.

Conn.—New Haven, Mrs. Wm. Vernon, for Sailee,	\$10 00
N. Y.—N. Y. City, Mrs. Davies Coxe, two scholarships in Gardener School, 100.00; two scholarships in memory of Mrs. M. E. Macomb, 100.00; Y. W. C. League, Mrs. C. de P. Field, salary of Miss Mudge, 150.00; "Thankful," for orphan, 50.00,	400 00
N. J.—Madison, Miss M. W. Holden, for Pusubala, 20.00; Slackwood S. S., Mrs. W. J. Grey, orphan, 5.00,	25 00
Va.—Richmond, Ministering C. League, Mrs. C. Johnson, for Nisterini,	20 00
Total,	\$455 00

CAWNPORE.

Mary Avery Merriman School.

Mass.—Ipswich, Mrs. S. Seabrook, for Dhapuri,	\$25 00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss Montague, for Shamri, 20.00; Miss J. L. Atwater, for Kashui, 15.00; Mrs. J. T. Ackerman, for Bassia, 15.00; Mrs. C. H. Demorest, for Dhumia, 7.50. Ithaca—Mrs. M. Van Cleet and daughter, for Elizabeth Beebe, 10.00. New Brighton—Mrs. J. J. Wood, for orphan, 2.00. Schenectady—Miss G. V. N. Lyle, for Kahira, 15.00. Yonkers—Mr. L. W. Ketchum, two children, 50.00,	132 50
N. J.—Westfield, W. Por. Miss. Soc., Ref. E. Ch., Miss M. V. Hammer, Treas., Y. P. S. C. E. Seranton Grace Ch., for Jane,	15 00
Total,	\$174 50

FATEHPUR.

Mass.—Boston Br., Miss Cora Tuxbury, Treas., Mrs. Percy Russell,	\$10 00
N. J.—Scotch Plains, Donald Fullerton, 1.50; Mrs. H. S. Fullerton, through Fanwood League, 8.00; Mrs. Shep-erson, 1.00; M. J. S., 1.00 for support of Sarat Chaudry; Westfield, Miss Elsie Perine, 5.00,	16 50
Total,	\$26 50

JHANSI.

Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt Hospital.

N. Y.—N. Y. City, Estate of Ezra P. Hoyt, D. J. Ackerman Coles, Ex. on Acc't Maria S. Ackerman Hoyt Mem'l Building,	\$700 00
Pa.—Shippensburg, Normal S. S., Miss A. V. Horton,	10 24
Total,	\$710 24

SIANGHAI, CHINA.

N. J.—Jersey City, Mrs. L. A. Opdyke, for girl in Bridgman School,	\$10 00
Pa.—Robesonia, C. E. Soc., Mrs. S. E. Keiser, for Pun Ling,	5 00
Calif.—Mills College, Mrs. S. L. Mills, for Tolman Bed, M. W. Hospital,	50 00
Total,	\$65 00

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. Peter McCarter, for Bible Woman, 15.00; N. Y. City, "Thankful," for scholarship, 50.00,	\$65 00
Calif.—Pasadena, Mrs. C. W. Gates, for scholarship,	50 00
Total,	\$115 00

GENERAL FUND.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. E. E. Robinson, 20.00; N. Y. City, Mrs. Davies Coxe, special for An. Meeting, Jan., 100.00; Ossining, A Friend, 20.00,	\$140 00
N. J.—Madison, Miss M. V. Holden,	5 00
Total,	\$145 00

JUBILEE FUND.

N. Y.—N. Y. City, DeWitt Mem'l Ch., per Dr. MacKenzie,	\$5 00
N. J.—Madison, Miss M. V. Holden,	2 00
Pa.—Phila. Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas., 5.00; Miss Howard Smith, 4.00; Mrs. T. J. Richards, 1.00; Miss Winn, 1.00; Wells Tannery, Y. P. C. Ass'n, Shippenburg, 1.00; Miss Baldwin, 1.00; Miss de Walt, 2.00; Miss A. V. Horton, 1.00; Mrs. Wolfe, 1.00; Mrs. Martin, 1.00; Miss May Horton, 1.00; Mrs. G. A. Wishart, 1.00; Miss Katherine Wishart, 1.00,	21 00
Total,	\$28 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR MISSIONARY LINK.

Mrs. W. J. Johnson, 3.00; Mrs. H. T. Todd, 1.00; Miss J. L. Atwater, .50; Mr. W. C. Van Doren, .50; Mrs. S. Seabrook, .50; Mr. L. W. Ketchum, .50. Total,	\$6.00.
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WILLING AND OBEDIENT BAND.

Rev. D. M. Stearns, Germantown, Phila., Pa. For Allahabad—Washington Prayer Circle, Miss M. A. Inch, for Daisy,	\$15 00
For Calcutta—Miss L. A. Ross, for Bible woman,	3 00
For Cawnpore—Miss Florence Beck, for Bible woman,	10 00
For Jhansi—Mrs. G. A. Brewster, 10.00; Miss L. E. Allen, 10.00, for their Bible women; Wm. H. Bower, for two girls, 10.00,	30 00
For Fatehpur—Mrs. J. W. Home, for Bible woman and girl,	7 00
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Wm. H. Bower, for Iida Setsu,	10 00
Mrs. J. W. Home, for Tsuru Iijima,	5 00
Mrs. Blair's daughters, for Suzuki Fumi,	120 00
Miss Martha Reed, for D. M. S. Chapel, Iwamoto,	50 00
Geo. F. July, for Mutsu Uctnda,	20 00
Total,	\$520 00

SUMMARY.

Allahabad,	\$63 50
Calcutta,	458 00
Cawnpore,	184 50
Fatehpur,	33 50
Jhansi,	740 24
China,	65 00
Japan,	570 00
General Fund,	145 00
Jubilee Fund,	28 00
Link subscription,	6 00

\$2,293 74

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Dividend, August, 1908,	27 50
Interest and dividends, September, 1908,	666 00
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Legacy from Estate of Benjamin Lord,	3,965 44

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